



PRIDES CORNER SCHOOL AND CONGIN SCHOOL

COMMUNITY READS

Celebrating the Work of Author and Illustrator

TOMIE dePAOLA



From *Strega Nona* and *Big Anthony*, to legends from Ireland, Italy, Mexico, and the American Southwest, to memoirs of his own childhood, Tomie dePaola has entertained and taught generations of readers with his over 200 books for children. Join the Prides Corner and Congin communities in reading, sharing, and responding to books by this amazing author and illustrator.

- Take the **COMMUNITY READING PLEDGE** and promise as a family to read at least 15 books by Tomie dePaola. Children can read independently, with somebody else, or listen to books read aloud to them. Be sure to talk about Tomie's books as you read them.
- Write down the titles of the books you read and return it to school before April 8 and the children will receive a small token to acknowledge their reading.
- Draw or paint a picture in the style of Tomie dePaola and bring it into school to be displayed.
- Attend your school's **AUTHOR'S DAY** to celebrate our students' writing. More information to follow.
- Attend our **COMMUNITY READING NIGHT** sponsored by the Prides Corner/Congin PTO on Thursday, April 8 from 5:30-7pm to celebrate Tomie dePaola and the love of reading!

ENJOY the work of TOMIE dePAOLA and CELEBRATE the joy of reading!

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We pledge to read at least 15 books by TOMIE dePAOLA
before April 8, 2010.

We will read them by (check all that apply)

- Reading independently
- Reading with another person
- Reading to somebody else
- Listening to someone read
- Listening to a pod cast, digital, or audio book

You can find books by Tomie dePaola at the public library, the school libraries,
asking a friend to borrow one, looking in your home, visiting a book store, or by
visiting Congin's website to listen to a pod cast.

_____ Student

_____ Parent/Guardian

_____ Date

Visit these websites about
Tomie dePaola to

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHOR

FIND OUT ABOUT HIS BOOKS

DOWNLOAD ACTIVITIES

*DISCOVER CRAFTS FROM
TOMIE HIMSELF*

www.tomie.com

www.readingrockets.org/books/interviews/depaola

<http://www.kidsreads.com/authors/au-depaola-tomie.asp>

<http://tomiesblog.blogspot.com/>



Some Books by Tomie dePaola

Strega Nona

Big Anthony and the Magic Ring

Strega Nona's Magic Lessons

Merry Christmas Strega Nona

Strega Nona Meets Her Match

Big Anthony: His Story

Strega Nona: Her Story

Strega Nona Takes a Vacation

Brava Strega Nona

Strega Nona's Harvest

The Legend of Old Befana

The Legend of Indian Paintbrush

The Legend of the Bluebonnet

**Jamie O'Rourke and the Big
Potato**

Jamie O'Rourke and the Pooka

The Art Lesson

Tom

The Baby Sister

Stage Struck

Now One Foot, Now the Other

Nana Upstairs, Nana Downstairs

26 Fairmont Avenue Series

Bill and Pete

Jingle

*Write and make art
in the style of Tomie!*

Turn a family memory into a story like Tomie did in *Tom*, *The Baby Sister*, and the 26 *Fairmont Avenue* books!

Invent a new tale about Strega Nona and Big Anthony and their friends in Calabria!

Retell a folktale or legend as Tomie did in his Irish and Native American legends!

Paint or draw a picture like Tomie!

Invent a personal "signature" like Tomie's tiny red heart that appears in all his books!

*Tomie writes in many
different genres and
for many different ages
and levels of readers!*

Enjoy some of Tomie's

MEMOIRS

LEGENDS

FOLKTALES

RETOLD TALES

INFORMATION BOOKS

PICTURE BOOKS

CHAPTER BOOKS